

### REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement in the October 6, 2008 Office Action that claims 1, 3-10, 28-30 and 33-35 are allowable (Office Action at 5). Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims (11-14, 24-27 and 32) without prejudice in order to expedite the prosecution of this application. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are allowable and Applicants respectfully request notice to that effect by way of a Notice of Allowance.

#### **Remarks About Second and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements:**

As noted in Applicants remarks submitted in an Amendment and Reply filed mailed December 11, 2007, again in the Reply filed June 24, 2008, and finally in a Reply to October 6, 2008 Office Action, Applicants have not received an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging that the Examiner considered the timely filed (December 11, 2007) Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing references C1-C11. Likewise, Applicants have not received an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging that the Examiner considered a timely filed (February 8, 2008) Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement citing reference D1 (WO 2007/030162A2).<sup>1</sup> Applicants note that these papers and accompanying documents are provided in the image file wrapper (IFW) on the USPTO PAIR system.

**Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the Second and Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements, along with the references cited therein, and initial the Form PTO-1449's to indicate his consideration thereof.**

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<sup>1</sup> The reference to D1 should not be confused with the citation of references D1 and D2 accompanying a Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants apologize for any confusion resulting from the duplicative use of reference letter "D."

**CONCLUSION:**

If for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

Respectfully Submitted,

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